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Dear Mrs. McEwan:

In a letter to Mr. John F. Blake, Deputy Director for Administration, Central Intelligence Agency, dated January 14, 1977, Mr. Puckorius asked the Agency to designate a representative for liaison with GSA on matters pertaining to the Software Exchange Program. The CIA representative is:

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Mr. John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Blake:

Public Law 89-306, the "Brooks Act," gives the Administrator of General Services authority for a wide range of functions regarding Federal agency use of Automatic Data Processing (ADP) in support of their missions. One of these functions is to provide for the most efficient and effective utilization of ADP resources. Over the last few years, the General Accounting Office (GAO) has been urging the General Services Administration (GSA) to take the lead in the establishment of a Federal Software Exchange Program. In two reports to Congress, GAO recommended GSA as the appropriate agency to develop a Federal software inventory for use by Government agencies in sharing computer systems and programs.

As a result of this strong impetus, and to fulfill one of the primary obligations of GSA under the provisions of the Brooks Bill and related OMB Circulars, GSA has initiated the Software Exchange Program (SEP) for the collection and dissemination of Government-owned common use software. In the establishment of the SEP, GSA published a Government-wide regulation (FPMR 101-32.16) in the Federal Register of February 25, 1976. This regulation provides for interagency sharing of computer programs and systems through the development of an inventory of available Government software which agencies can use to find computer programs to meet their requirements.

The Federal Software Exchange Center (FSEC) has been established at the National Technical Information Service of the Department of Commerce to coordinate the functions involved in the collection, processing and dissemination of the software. Thereby, the FSEC has become the central point of contact for Federal agencies that seek software information. It is also the organization to which Federal agencies report software summaries for publication in the Federal Software Exchange Catalog.



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The first volume of the Federal Software Exchange Catalog, containing software summaries submitted by the agencies, will be available for distribution to subscribers in January 1977. Instructions for ordering subscriptions are enclosed.

The SEP is an evolutionary program. To meet its objectives, agencies should not only participate in the program as required by the regulation, but should also contribute recommendations to improve it.

We welcome your suggestions concerning this program and request that you designate a representative from your agency to provide continuing liaison with GSA for the purpose of implementing and maintaining a viable software inventory and developing a truly effective Software Exchange Program. Your assignment of an agency representative for liaison with GSA should be provided to:

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Your support of the SEP is greatly appreciated. We anticipate that the program will achieve significant savings for individual agency activities and to the Federal Government.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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Federal Software Exchange Catalog Available

The General Services Administration, Automated Data and Telecommunications Service has announced that the first volume of the Federal Software Exchange Catalog will be available for subscription distribution in January, 1977. This catalog supports GSA's new Software Exchange Program which was formally announced in the Federal Register, February 25, 1976, through publication of Property Management Regulation (FPMR) Amendment E 180 (FPMR 101-32.16).

The Software Exchange Program provides for gathering the most versatile and efficient Federal common use software systems currently in use and making them available to every Federal ADP installation. FPMR subsection 101-32.1608 requires all ADP units to screen the Software Exchange Catalog for appropriate programs before initiating new software development.

The Fiscal Year 1977 Federal Software Exchange Catalog will be comprised of three cumulative volumes and is available on a subscription basis for a \$75.00 charge. The abstracts contained in the catalog provide the user with a short summary of the software's purpose. Also included are significant factors such as processing mode, computer manufacturer and model, operating system, programming language(s), input/output media, memory requirements and the prices for obtaining the software and documentation. The catalog contains abstracts of systems, programs and subroutines written in a wide range of computer languages for a wide variety of hardware, covering numerous application areas.

Requests for catalog subscriptions should be sent to the Federal Software Exchange Center (FSEC), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. The requests must be accompanied by a complete mailing address, and either a properly authorized purchase order made out to GSA or a check made payable to GSA.



Eligibility Policy Established

The following policy has been established concerning the eligibility of certain organizations and activities to participate in the Software Exchange Program (SEP). All Federal agencies, as defined for purposes of the Brooks Act are eligible and required to participate under FPMR 101-32.16.

State and local governments will be eligible to participate under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 and GSA's implementing regulations, FPMR 105-50.202.5.

Cost reimbursement contractors will be eligible to participate under the current GSA's regulation, FPR 1-5.9, which authorizes cost reimbursement contractors to utilize GSA sources of supply when the contracting agency so authorizes in writing.

Federally funded activities not falling within one of the above categories will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not such activities qualify to participate in the Software Exchange Program.

State and local governments, cost reimbursement contractors and Federally funded activities requesting the services, including the catalog, provided by the SEP must first contact the General Services Administration for information concerning participation procedures. Please direct all correspondence to:

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